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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Platzek, et al.

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For: USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL-CONTAINING METAL COMPLEXES AS
CONTRAST MEDIA IN MR-IMAGING FOR VISUALIZATION OF PLAQUE,
TUMORS AND NECROSES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein the metal complexes are also used as MRI contrast media for visualization of infarcted and necrotic tissue.

4. (Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein the metal complexes are also used as MRI contrast media for independent visualization of necroses and tumors.

8. (Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein as perfluoroalkyl-containing metal complexes, the compounds of general formula I



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in which

R^F is a perfluorinated, straight-chain or branched carbon chain with formula $-C_nF_{2n}E$, in which